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ST. LOUIS-ALMA HIGHWAY SHOWS DETERIORATION

CHUCK HOLES IN ROAD ARE
BECOMING LARGER AND
ROAD MUCH ROUGHER.

Patrol System Fails To Stop The Trouble

Of late weeks motorists traveling between Alma and St. Louis have had forcibly impressed upon their minds, through bumping through ruts, and being jarred around in their cars, that this portion of state trunk line highway M-16 is not holding up under the heavy traffic that it is getting. The road does not furnish the comfortable trip that it did a year ago.

This is due absolutely to the great demands put upon the road by heavy traffic. It must be conceded by everyone that this particular road is one of the most heavily traveled in this part of the state. So great has been the traffic that this fine road, which at times in the past has almost resembled a pavement, so nicely had it been kept up, is rapidly deteriorating from the demands that are being made upon it.

True the road has been patrolled daily this summer by a man with a team, which is constantly graveling, endeavoring, to eliminate all of the "chuck" holes, and keep it in a fine condition. New gravel has been put upon the road in the effort to get it into shape that it was in former years, but so heavy is the traffic that even this patrol system is proving insufficient to meet the demands that are being made upon the road. No sooner does the grader pull loose gravel into the chuck holes than automobiles, trucks and wagons have it "kicked" out again, and the ruts, bit at the bottom are cut deeper each day, and hit at the edges by the rapidly moving vehicles, are constantly being made larger. And as a result the road is rapidly becoming more rough than at any time in recent years.

This is presenting a problem that is no small one. It is a problem that will call for action sooner or later, and possibly the sooner the better it will be, as deterioration once started rapidly gains headway.

In other places roads have presented this same problem and close study has presented a construction material of some kind that holds up better under heavy traffic than does gravel. Frequently it has practically eliminated patrolling for a number of years, which with new gravel that is constantly needed to fill holes, the cost of grading etc., on heavily traveled gravel roads is an item of expense that is far too large to be ignored.

Those who traveled this road during the past few years can easily determine the question as to whether or not the road is deteriorating by driving their automobiles over it a few times, and get the jolts and the bumps that are sure to result from the trip.

New Equipment For Playground

Geese, kids, ain't it goin' to be swell! They're goin' to fix up our playground in the park some more. Heard Dad say that the city commission has ordered a brand new coaster slide to go with the rest of the things that we've got in the park to use.

I'm goin' to watch and when they put it in I'm goin' to get the first slide, you bet. Goes up in the air eight feet and it's sixteen feet long. Got a bump in it too. That man Reynolds that works for the city figures as how he can put it right near the rest of our playground stuff that we have so much fun with.

It's great, all that they have been doing to give us a lot of fun in the park. They'd think it was worth it though to see all of us there playing. They just can't imagine how much we like the story telling, the ball playing and all those games. And the girls. You just can't believe how interested they are in learning to dress dolls and the other fun they have. We get this fun because they got Mrs. Bennett to supervise our play. She's with us 4 hours a day, from 10:00 to 11:00 in the morning and from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. She thinks of course that our mamas and papas want us to leave when she does, unless they tell us that we can stay longer. She makes our play a lot better. She likes it so well there that sometimes we think she's just a kid with us.

If you know of any little girls that don't come to the park to play, just tell 'em about all the nice things there and about the nice times that we have. We want 'em to come and play with us. Golly, but they'll have a good time.

WARNED OF LAW

Letters sent out over the state of Michigan by T. E. Johnson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to secretaries of Boards of Education call attention to the state law by which it becomes necessary for the board of education in each graded school district to cause to be published in a newspaper in the district, or in the county in which the district is located, a complete statement of the proceedings of the annual school meeting and an itemized financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the said district during the preceding school year. Proof of the publication must be filed with the department of public instruction before August 15 of each year and a penalty is provided for failure to publish. It is said that in many districts in the state no such statements have been published and that others have not been complete.

PLANNING NEW REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICIAL WANTS UNIFORM REGULATIONS.

Uniform traffic regulations all over the state of Michigan will result, if the campaign started by Col. Vandercrook of the department of public safety proves as successful as most of the educational moves which have been launched by the Michigan state police.

A simple set of traffic signals devised for the use of motorists is being illustrated by printed cards, each bearing the printed signals which are presented herewith. The upper signal, consisting of the arm extended in a diagonal line pointing upward, is intended to be used by the driver who contemplates a right-hand turn. The following motorist will need only to swing out and go past, instead of having to stop until he finds out which way the man ahead is going.

The second signal, consisting of the arm extended in a straight line, is to be the signal for a left-hand turn. Inasmuch as that is the signal which has been used for all purposes, and drivers have been accustomed to stop until it is clear what the man ahead is going to do, it makes a admirable signal for a left-hand turn, which always demands stopping of rear traffic.

The third signal, shown at the bottom of the illustration, is to demonstrate that the man giving it intends to stop. Inasmuch as the man ahead pulls out to the right before he stops, this signal will only mean that the following motorist may swing out to the left and go by.

Full instructions on these signals, with illustrations, will be printed on 100,000 cards, which will be circulated all over the state. There is no law to make the signals binding, but the proposition has the approval of all motor clubs and of drivers generally, and the adoption and general observance of the signals is expected to follow the campaign of education to be put on by Col. Vandercrook through the state police. When all is said and done, the ones who will profit most, both in the avoidance of accident and the saving of time and worry, will be the motorists themselves, and it is expected that they will co-operate willingly with the state police in securing a general observance of the uniform signals.

A recent ruling by Attorney General Meritt Wiley is expected also to lead to uniform speed regulations for the state. There has existed in Michigan the same situation which has existed all over the country, the only uniformity in speed laws being on the open road where the only law which could govern was the state law. Speed regulations have varied in every state and village, and more than that, the extent to which speed regulations were enforced also varied, so that a driver who saw a sign limiting speed within a village to ten miles an hour has never been able to tell whether the village authorities would arrest him for driving eleven or were satisfied to have him drive 20 or 30, providing there was no traffic to hinder.

The Michigan motor-vehicle law provides that automobiles may drive 15 miles an hour on the state roads, 20 miles an hour in the residence portions of cities and villages, and 15 miles an hour in the business sections. The conflict between city and village law and the state law recently submitted to the attorney-general, and he ruled that the state law would supercede village or city regulations.

Inasmuch as the only traffic regulation in many of the smaller villages is by the state police, this ruling will add a great deal of uniformity to speed regulations throughout the state.

If the campaign for uniform signals and uniform speed regulations works out as well as expected, it is probable that provisions covering both will be incorporated in the state motor-vehicle law when the next legislature meets.

NEW COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS ARE SECURED

PRESIDENT H. M. CROOKS HAS
ANNOUNCED FIVE FACULTY
CHANGES.

Miss Montgomery is New Dean of Women

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College has made announcement of five faculty changes at the college for the coming year, which are of interest to local people in addition to all others who may be planning on sending their children to Alma to continue their education.

Miss Alinda E. Montgomery of Salido, Colorado, has been secured as the new dean of women. Miss Montgomery is a graduate of the University of Colorado and of Wellesley College. She has her master's degree from Radcliffe College. For a number of years she has taught in some of the largest high schools in the western states. She will come to Alma with flattering recommendations.

Miss Laura Elsie Lanier will come to Alma as an instructor in English. She is a graduate of Vassar College, and last year did graduate study at Oxford University in England. She has taught for several years in Philadelphia.

Professor J. M. Howie will substitute for Professor Notestine in the Mathematics department this coming year. Professor Howie, who has his master's degree, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and had two years of graduate work at Wisconsin. He has taught for about 20 years in western colleges, and not only has a fine record as an instructor, but has shown a deep interest in all college affairs. He was the prime factor in the organization of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Association.

Emiline Dejean will have charge of French at the college. She is a graduate of the University of Bordeaux, and taught at Lycee for two years. She comes to Alma with fine recommendations.

Lee M. Sharrar, a graduate of Alma College two years ago with honors, will be connected with the department of economics and history next year. Last year he taught at Manistique. He is now at Columbia University in New York City taking a special course in the newer applications of economics. He is an Alma young man, and during the time he was in college was only rated as an exceptional student, but was active in all campus affairs.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT KILLED
Leo Cushman of Saginaw, aged 18 years, who was to have entered Alma College next month, was killed Monday in Saginaw. He was found dead in the elevator of Symons Brothers and Company warehouse, where he had been working this summer. It is believed that he was crushed to death.

See Strongheart in "The Silent Call"—Strand, Sun. and Mon.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER



Lee M. Sharrar

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED MONDAY

FRANCES DICKINSON AND ALLEN G. HIGHFIELD MARRIED HERE MONDAY.

A quiet but very impressive wedding was solemnized Monday morning August 7, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickinson, 127 East End street, when their daughter, Frances Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Allen G. Highfield of Greenville.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edward E. Shouffer, only the immediate families and a few close friends of the two being present.

The bride was very attractively dressed in a gown of sand-colored crepe meteor and bonnet lace and carried a corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses, white orchids and maidenhair fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Blanche Dickinson of Chicago, who wore a gown of delf blue beaded georgette crepe over blue satin and carried a bouquet of sweetpeas, roses and ferns.

Mr. Adolph Roth of this city acted as best man and the Misses Ida Archer of Alma and Mildred Smith of Saginaw, college classmates of the bride, were honored guests.

The home was beautifully decorated with sweetpeas, pink and purple asters and ferns.

After the ceremony the immediate families and guests partook of a delicious wedding breakfast at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Highfield left for a trip to Detroit and Canadian points.

Mr. Highfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Highfield of Riverdale. He attended Alma high school and for a number of years was employed at the Look-Paterson drug store here. Some few weeks ago he purchased a store in Greenville, where he is now engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Highfield have for years been popular among the younger set of the city, who join with The Record in extending congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Highfield will be at home to their friends at 128 West Washington, Greenville, after August 20.

HOLMES' CRANE & BARTLING GET NEW CONTRACT

COMMISSION VOTES PAVING
CONTRACT FOR PINE TO
ALMA FIRM.

Detroit Trust Is Awarded The Bonds

Unless strike conditions have become such that a sufficient quantity of cement cannot be obtained now, Pine avenue from Superior street north to the north line of Walnut street, will be paved this year, the city commission Tuesday evening awarding the contract to the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling, the low bidders of a week ago, with a bid of \$8,911.60 for the work.

The motion to award the contract was made by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Archer and authorized the mayor and clerk to sign the contract subject to the sale of the special assessment bonds. It was carried without a vote being registered against it. Commissioner Greaser did not vote.

Another motion was then presented to award the special assessment bonds to the Detroit Trust Company, according to its letter of August 2, in which the Detroit concern offered to accept the bonds with 5% per cent interest and pay the attorney fees for checking up the legal procedure connected with the bond issue. Mayor Murphy and Commissioners Glass and Archer voted for the motion and Commissioner Greaser, who last week expressed himself in favor of disposing of the bonds to the contractors who bid for the paving at 6 per cent, voted against awarding the issue to the Detroit house. No discussion of the proposition was made, and as a result Mr. Greaser's stand in voting against selling these bonds at 5% per cent whereas he desired to pawn them on the contractors a week ago at 6 per cent is not definitely known. It is probable, however, that he raises the same question that he raised on a previous issue that the Detroit Trust Company purchased.

There is evidently some question at the present time if a sufficient quantity of cement can be secured for this paving work and it probably will not be started until the cement is secured. A large quantity of coal is needed in producing cement and a number of cement plants have been forced to close during the past few weeks as a result. Indications are however that the cement can be procured.

SPECIAL SERMON
"Human and Divine Elements in Producing the Bible," is the subject of the special sermon to be given at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. by Rev. E. E. Shouffer. There are human elements in the Bible, he says. It was written by men like ourselves. Whatever influence guided them, it did not take from them their human nature, nor their mental traits. The human ele-

ment, he points out, is natural for without it the Bible would have no voice for us. The language is human or we could not understand it. Paul has his tone, his style, his own spirit. Who that knows this new Testament can mistake John? Isaiah has his own joyous hopefulness, the spirit of a man who has seen something, caught a vision of the future, and the things that are to be; he has a method and style of his own. And the varying moods of the Psalmists—how their human hearts are seen through the lattice of their songs. The books of the Bible are divided into sections for convenience in reading at an early date. It is said that Cardinal Hugo made the division into chapters in 1250. In the ninth century Jewish scholars put the old testament into verses. Robert Stephenson, a printer, divided the new testament into verses in 1552. Yet, he points out, there are divine elements guiding, controlling them, making their human traits and human words the vehicle of God's thought so that their words became the words of the Most High. Everyone is invited to attend the service.

TICKET SELLING MUST BE PUSHED

TICKET SELLERS MUST PUSH
SALES TO MEET AMOUNT
OF GUARANTEE.

At a meeting of the ticket sellers and guarantors of the Chautauqua held at the city hall Wednesday evening it was found that little progress had been made in disposing of the tickets for the annual Redpath Chautauqua, and that it is necessary to bend every possible effort between now and next Tuesday afternoon when the Chautauqua opens to sell a sufficient number of tickets to meet the guarantee.

Few guarantors attended the meeting, many being unable to because the stores were open and because of other engagements and this prevented a thorough checkup of the ticket sales up to that time. Indications are, however, that less than 200 season tickets of the 750 that must be sold have so far been disposed of. Committee to use every available minute between now and next Tuesday in disposing of the pastboards.

It was announced at this meeting that Mr. William C. Wright, who was superintendent of the Chautauqua here three years ago, will return to Alma this year in the same capacity.

It was also pointed out that the two big evening features of the week, the two plays, with their New York casts, are of such a high grade as to be attractions that should attract everyone. The single admissions for these plays will be \$1.00 each, or the cost of an industrial ticket, which admits to every evening's entertainment. And it was pointed out that an additional \$.75 will cover not only all evening entertainments but also those of the afternoons as well, the \$.25 being the cost of the season ticket.

J. S. Knoetzer of the Chautauqua committee has received copies of letters from members of committees which had charge of the Chautauqua in some of the southern states. Attorney Lester of Augusta, Ga., in charge of the committee there says that every number of the seven days program should be rated as excellent. Rev. P. D. T. Roberts, vice president of the Evergreen Chautauqua Association of Memphis, Tenn., said "Personally I think your program this season is one of the very best I have seen in my ten years, or more, association with the Redpath. I have been very enthusiastic over the program from the start."

CAVALRY UNIT LEAVES

Troop C. 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard of this city left Tuesday for Grayling, where the Troop is now busy engaged at the training camp in learning the art of war. The horses were shipped to the camp early Tuesday morning by fast freight and at noon the members of the Troop boarded the Pere Marquette train for Saginaw on the first leg of the journey to Grayling. It is expected that the Troop will be at Grayling for ten days or two weeks.

Special this week, Maple nut and Vanilla ice cream, 40c per quart. De Luxe Candy Co.—advertisement.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR

E. Holcomb, general manager of the Central Michigan Light & Power Company of this city, has been appointed as the fuel administrator of Gratiot County by William W. Potter, state fuel administrator. No general orders have as yet been received by Gratiot's new fuel administrator, but he is expecting that word will be received very shortly from Lansing as to his duties in connection with the distribution of fuel in the county in view of the big coal shortage that has come as a result of the strike.

Coming, "Pock's Bad Boy"—A Musical farce.

CHAUTAUQUA HAS SPLENDID LIST OF ATTRACTIONS

TICKETS SHOULD SELL RAPIDLY
IN VIEW OF THE VERY
FINE PROGRAM.

Entertainments Are To Begin On Tuesday

Still far short of selling the tickets that must be disposed of to meet the guarantee for the Redpath Chautauqua, which opens here next Tuesday, all bars have been taken down and from now on the ticket sellers will work in any territory that appeals to them, and hopes are being held by the committee that enough tickets may yet be sold to meet the guarantee.

In view of the fact that the program for the Chautauqua this year is the best that Alma has had, the committee is at a loss to understand why a sufficient number of tickets have not yet been sold, but it is anticipated that if the ticket sellers work with a vim and again cover the field before next Tuesday evening, the ticket selling will meet with success. The committee realizes that many people have been on vacations and that the ticket sellers have not been able to get in touch with them and that in numerous other cases people have not been certain as to whether or not they would be able to attend the event, and have held up in making their purchase of tickets.

It is expected that many of these people will secure their tickets during the next few days.

The program for the affair this year is an exceptionally good one. Two of the big features of Chautauqua week will be the two big plays that are to be rendered by New York casts, and which if they were not connected with the Chautauqua could not be witnessed probably for a sum equal to the price of the ticket for all of the Chautauqua attractions. "Turn to the Right," the famous American play, is one of these attractions. "Friendly Enemies," a modern comedy drama, is the other. Both make big hits when presented in New York.

In addition to these big attractions will be the artists' recital by Irene Stodolsky and assisting artists, the concert by the Cramer-Kurz Trio, and Lisner's Little Symphony Orchestra, Vianna's Hawaiians; the lectures by the Hon. Charles H. Brough, Dr. Huber W. Burt, Evelyn Hansen, Chester M. Sanford, and others.

In addition to all of these attractions is to be found a new departure this year for holders of the season tickets, children's entertainments in the morning, which promises to be highly attractive to the youngsters.

The program for the week follows:

Tuesday, August 15
Afternoon—Introductory exercises. Popular concert by the Collegians Male Quartet.

Evening—Collegian Male Quartet. Lecture, "American's Leadership in the World," by the Honorable Charles L. Brough, former governor of Arkansas.

Wednesday, August 16
Afternoon—Grand Concert by the Montague Light Opera Singers. Evening—Concert by Montague Light Opera Singers. Lecture, "The New Industrial Day," by Dr. Huber W. Burt.

Thursday, August 17
Morning—Children's entertainments. (Continued on page four)

Vaudeville Stage To Be Moved This Week

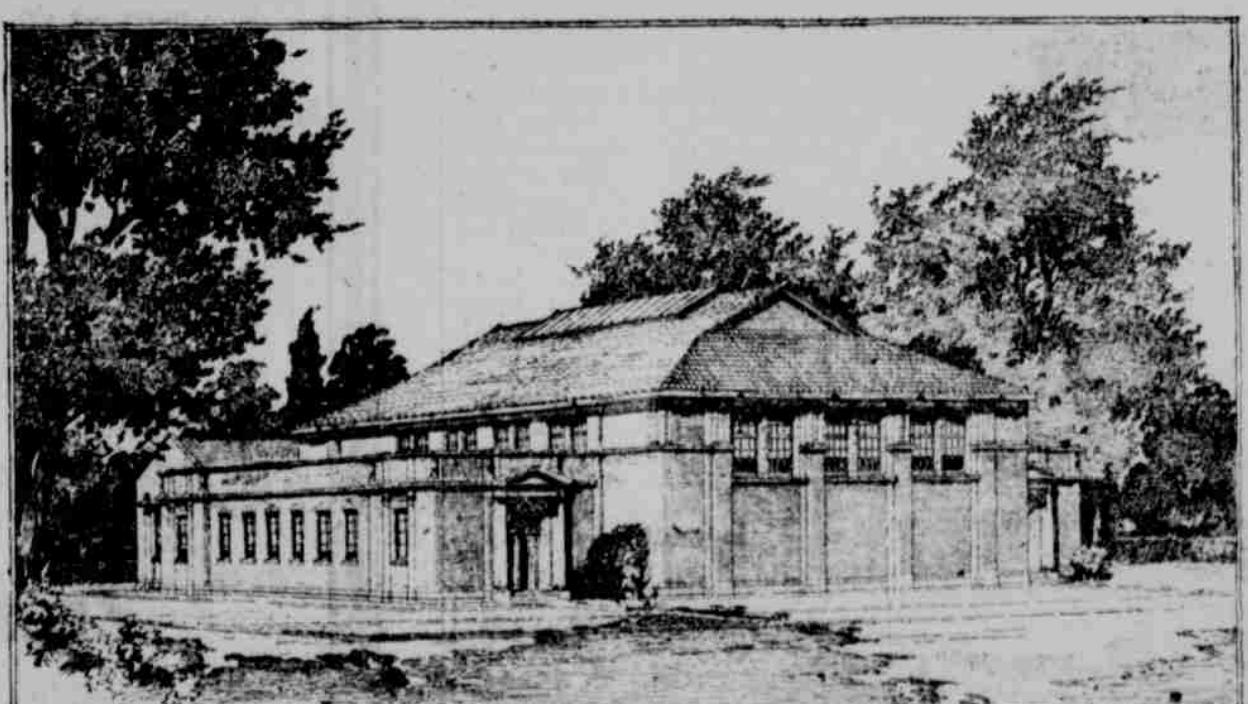
The vaudeville stage, on which the free vaudeville shows are being given every Wednesday night for the people of Alma and vicinity, is to be moved from Superior street before the free show is given Wednesday evening and will be located on North Woodworth avenue.

Before the time the new pavement on Woodworth will have set to such an extent that it will be usable for this purpose, although not in shape for heavy traffic. This pavement for the first block off Superior street is as wide as the Superior street pavement and will furnish plenty of room for the big crowds that are attending the event, and will also provide sufficient room for the dancing, which always follows the vaudeville entertainment.

About the only objection that any one has raised to the vaudeville entertainments has been directed not at the shows that have been given but to the fact that the stage was located on the main business street of the city. Moving this stage to Woodworth avenue will do away with this one objection.

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WORK ON GYMNASIUM IS BEING STARTED



The proposed new gymnasium for Alma College is being started this week and before the second semester of the coming college year rolls around the expectation is that the gymnasium will be ready for use.

The firm of Owens, Ames & Kimball of Grand Rapids, which has the contract for the work, has been spending some weeks in lining up the material that is needed for the construction purposes, and has now been assured of cement for the work eliminating one of the most puzzling questions that it has had to contend with, a problem which was brought

about as a result of the coal strike.

Mr. Ames, one of the members of the firm is now in Alma to direct the work of construction. A carload of tools for the work have been shipped here from Ann Arbor, where the company has just completed a contract, and are expected to reach Alma today. Before the week is ended the actual work of excavating will be under way.

Some work has already been started, this consisting of the laying of water pipes and sewers to the grounds where the structure will be erected on the campus. The new gymnasium will face on Center street and will be

directly back of the present library building and the museum.

It was at first expected that the building would cost upwards of \$110,000, but because this sum of money is not available from the endowment campaign for the purpose at the present time the natatorium will not be constructed this year. It will probably be added within the next two years. This will lower the estimated cost considerably. The decline of material over estimates at the time of the campaign is considerable also and it is expected that the structure without the natatorium will be approximately \$80,000.